

The Abbeville Messenger

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The following business has been disposed of in the Court of General Sessions since our last issue:

Wednesday.

When Court was called on Wednesday the Solicitor handed my bill to the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury returned a number of true bills and in some few cases no bill.

The Court resumed the hearing of the argument of Mr. Noble in the case of the State vs. H. A. Napier, indicted for horse-stealing and breach of trust. The prisoner was convicted on the second count and recommended to the mercy of the Court.

E. B. Gary, Esq., and W. L. Miller, Esq., presented an order for the release of Barnet B. Cowan and Josephine Lindsay, against whom no bill had been found for murder.

The case of the state vs. Venner Adams, indicted for larceny of live stock, was taken up for trial. Messrs. E. B. and F. B. Gary for the defense. The defendant was charged with stealing a no-horned cow from Mr. G. W. Jones.

The jury failed to identify Venner as the man who stole the cow, in spite of gold plugs pulled from teeth, and after remaining out all night, returned next morning at 10 o'clock and said they could not agree and were discharged.

Rev. Mr. Jacobs spoke at length upon the work of the Thornewell Orphanage.

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case and returned a verdict of not guilty.

The case of Taylor Childs, indicted for malicious trespass in shooting a dog was then tried and resulted in a verdict of not guilty. Messrs. Perrin and Cuthran represented the prisoner.

The Synod at Greenville.

The Synod of South Carolina was called to order Thursday morning at half past nine o'clock. After prayer by the Moderator, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communication from Sunday League of New Orleans, in regard to closing Exposition on Sunday, read and referred.

Communication from Women's Christian Temperance Union, in reference to use of unfermented wine only, at Sacrament read and referred.

Narratives from different Presbyteries were read.

The South Carolina Presbytery reported two old churches renovated, one new church built, and application for organization of three new churches.

The Presbytery needs ministers, between two hundred and fifty and three hundred, according to church.

The subject of Home Missions was then discussed. South Carolina Presbytery collected \$671.45 for sustenance and \$752 for evangelistic purposes.

Rev. S. L. Morris made a stirring appeal for more laborers in the vineyard.

Rev. C. E. Chichester advocated increasing the number of Presbyteries.

Chester was selected as the place of the next meeting.

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A Constable Cut.

Some time last summer, Ed Wardlaw, colored, committed a rape on a colored woman in the Santuck neighborhood, and ran away. Trial Justice Calvert learning that he was at work on the G. L. & R. R., near the Sparta River, sent his constable John Cason to arrest him. The arrest was effected, and Cason started home with his prisoner, whose arms were tied. Out of kindness Cason allowed him to ride on his mule behind him. By some means, Wardlaw got his hands loose and drawing his knife he gave Cason two severe savage cuts on the neck and shoulder, and jumping to the ground ran. Cason pursued him and when about to catch him, Wardlaw turned on him with the knife, and the Constable in his turn took to his heels. Finding himself overtaken and cut however, he closed with his assailant and overpowered him. With the aid of some men whom he met he freed his prisoner again, and on Thursday brought him to town and lodged him in jail.

Cleverly Caught.

An amusing instance of the initiative occurred at the recent examination of colored teachers. Pretty soon after the applicants began to arrive, Little Bob Leslie who was surrounded by several females who were extremely anxious to sit near him, during the examination, whether on account of Bob's personal charms or his cleverness in answering the questions was not perceived until later. When the papers were examined with a view towarding certificates, it was found that Bob's brilliance had radiated like the rising sun and had by a mysterious proximity made the dark places light in the minds of his neighbors. Bob as usual received a first-grade while his absorbing female friends were instructed in the error of their ways and advised to try it again some other time. Another proof of the philosophical truth that black absorbs.

Cutting Affray.

A serious cutting affray occurred at the depot Friday last. It seems that Alfred (Ellisen) and Beef Sam (Marshall), both tremendous specimens of physical manhood, had married two wives in the same section in two years. He was convicted.

William Williams was next convicted of stealing a cow from Mr. J. B. Wilson and selling it to Mr. J. E. Hill. He suffered the same fate in this case as in the other.

Next came the case of Daniel Collins, indicted for carrying concealed weapons. E. B. Gary and M. L. Bonham, Esqs., for the defense. After the testimony was taken Court adjourned till 10 a.m. next morning.

Friday.

The Court heard the argument in the case of Daniel Collins. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The State vs. Sand Jackson, indicted for burglary and larceny—breaking into Mr. Joe Mundy's house and stealing a gun, was defended by E. B. Gary, Esq.

The defense. The witness was taken out on a conviction for burglary. Verdict not guilty.

Next came the boy Warren Tatum, who broke into Mr. Syfan's house and stole some money and a cravat. He was well defended by Messrs. O. T. and W. P. Calhoun, but the jury found him guilty on both counts.

The State vs. Reuben Work, indicted for burglary, was defended by Messrs. E. B. Gary and W. N. Graydon and W. J. Moore. This gay Lethario had married two wives in the same section in two years. He was convicted.

William Williams was next convicted of stealing a cow from Mr. C. A. Batts, in spite of the earnest efforts of his counsel, Mr. E. B. Gary.

Ben Bradley was put upon trial for carrying concealed weapons. Ben and his friends said he didn't have any pistol that he pretended to have in his breeches pocket, and put his hand there to scare the crowd away. Col. E. B. Gary made an eloquent speech in his behalf. The Court directed the jury to bring in a sealed verdict and adjourned to 10 o'clock next morning.

Saturday.

The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, as Ben Bradley.

The Court took up case of State vs. Henry Jones, indicted for burglary and grand larceny. Messrs. Hemphill, Bradley, and W. P. Calhoun appeared. The defense. The Solicitor did not insist on a conviction for burglary. Verdict not guilty.

Next was the case of the State vs. Newton Dowtin, indicted for house-breaking in the day time and larceny. Mr. E. B. Gary and M. L. Bonham for defense. Verdict guilty.

Munday.

The Court convened at 10 o'clock promptly. The new panel of jurors were in their seats and the Court proceeded to hear the case of the State vs. John R. Tarrant, indicted for misconduct in office. Out of the seven counts in the indictment against Mr. Tarrant the Grand Jury sustained a true bill in eighteen of the eighteen. The first charge was for robbing one W. D. McLean to pay for duty in advance of a criminal case. The jury after considering the matter for about an hour returned a verdict of "Guilty," with a recommendation to mercy.

The case of the State vs. Charles Johnson, indicted for arson, was next heard. The jury found him guilty.

A Festival at Greenwood.

A Festival will be given at Greenwood tomorrow, (Thursday night,) at Waller's Hall. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Pastor's Fund of the Baptist Church. We thank the community for invitation and trust that they may prove a grand success.

A variety of fancy and toilet goods at Speed & Lowry's.

MESSAGES.

Watch Tollett.

Turn the rascals out!

Bring your registration certificate on the 1st.

Come to these meetings in your red shirts.

November 4th—Election day. Vote!

Vote!! Vote!!

Come to the grand rally on Saturday at the Court House.

Come to your precinct meeting on Saturday 1st of November.

Cast an anchor to windward on the 1st, and haul in your delinquent friends to the polls.

The midday mail was delayed last Wednesday.

For you Cigars and Tobacco from Speed & Lowry's.

A chimney caught fire at Captain Bonham's last Thursday night, and caused some excitement, but was soon put out.

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The cares of life are always more irksome to the Dispensary, but children, Liv. & Pitts relieves the disease, and the burden is lightened.

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W. C. Bond, Esq., went to Newberry last Thursday, and spoke at meetings held at Newberry, Prosperity and Tomaria.

Mr. Bond and Mr. Root, Wardlaw, two old veterans, occupy prominent seats at the Bar, and watch the proceedings of Court with much interest.

Judge Bill and Mr. Root, Wardlaw,

the above named case by the Hon. T. B. Frazer, Judge of the 3d Circuit, on the 1st day of June, 1881. I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on the 3d day of November, 1881, that being Sale Day, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situated in said State and County, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, known as the Williams place and containing

more or less, bounded by lands of William C. Barrett, George Nibbles, Robert Dunn, William Dunn and others.

Two months with interest, balance to be paid by bond of one thousand dollars, secured by bond of parties and insurance of premises; with leave to purchase to pay for papers.

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PERSONAL.

Gen. D. H. Bradley was in town on Tuesday.

J. T. Johnson, Esq., of the Laurens Bar, was in town attending court this week.

W. J. Moore, Esq., of Cokesbury, was attending Court last week.

Mrs. John Gass, nee Miss Ivy Perrin is on a visit to her old home.

W. O. Bradley, Esq., a great news paper reader, can always be found at the polls.

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CHARLESTON COUNTY,

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MASTER'S SALE.

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